

July 15, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
July 23, 2003**

| | <u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u> |
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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | |
| 2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> | |
| 3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. | 3. Information. |
| 4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest. | 4. Information and discussion. |
| 5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Consent items are marked with an asterisk. | 5. Approve the Consent Agenda. |

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

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| *5A. <u>Approval of June 25, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u> | 5A. Review and approve June 25, 2003 meeting minutes. |
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

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| *5B. <u>Federal Fiscal Year 2003 MAG Federal Funds Final Closeout and Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u> | 5B. Approve deferring the City of Peoria, 83rd Avenue at Thunderbird Road project to FY 2004; allocating \$100,000 in FFY 2003 funds for the design of a multi-use underpass in Peoria and |
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During the FFY 2003 Year End Close Out of the MAG federally funded program, approval was given for more than \$13.4 million of FFY 2003 projects. Peoria has recently requested to defer two further construction projects. The Management Committee has recommended that \$100,000 should go back to Peoria for a design project; \$400,000 should be used for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project and that any remaining funds should be used for the final design of the light rail project. To allow the Peoria design project to proceed, an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program is needed, as shown in the attached Table. This item is on the July 16th Transportation Policy Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Proposed Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Transit Projects

As a result of changes in funding within the annual Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill, Valley Metro has reviewed the Federal Transit Administration Grant application that is under development and wishes to adjust the projects in the Annual Grant and in the TIP to ensure that the two programs are in conformance. As a result, Valley Metro has requested a TIP amendment that adds 11 new projects and deletes two and a TIP amendment is needed to accomplish these changes. In addition, Valley Metro has requested to defer four transit projects and to change the scope of 16 others and a TIP administrative adjustment is needed to accomplish these changes. All of the proposed changes may be categorized as exempt projects or minor project revisions for which an air quality conformity analysis is not required. Consultation on the conformity assessment for the proposed changes is considered under a separate agenda item. The Management Committee concurred with the TRC recommendation. This item is on the July 16th Transportation Policy Committee

\$800,000 for the final design phase of the light rail project as part of the last remaining interim close out funds; Also, to approve \$400,000 additional funds for the Maricopa County, Gilbert Road and McDowell Road project as a final close out contingency project with any remaining final close out funds going to light rail final design project, and authorizing an Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the Peoria design project.

5C. Approve an Amendment and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects.

agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

*5D. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested the amendment to add new transit projects and an administrative adjustment to defer, adjust, and delete existing transit projects. In addition, as part of the Federal FY 2003 Year End Final Closeout, an amendment is proposed to add a City of Peoria multi-use underpass design project on New River Road and to increase funding for the final design phase of the light rail project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. For consultation.

GENERAL ITEM

*5E. Regional Annual Report Data Collection Consultant Selection

In May 2003, the Regional Council approved the table of contents for the development of the Regional Annual Report. In addition, in the FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, the Regional Council approved consultant assistance for the development of the Regional Annual Report. To assist in the data collection for the Report, a Request for Proposals was advertised. A multi-agency review team considered the proposals and reached a consensus that Applied Economics be selected for an amount not to exceed \$48,500. The Management Committee recommended approval of the selection. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Approve the selection of Applied Economics to prepare databases for subdivision, nonresidential parks and infill development activity for the Regional Annual Report, for an amount not to exceed \$48,500.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**TRANSPORTATION ITEM**6. Regional Transportation Plan Update

An update will be provided on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan that is being developed by the Transportation Policy Committee.

6. Information and discussion.

AIR QUALITY ITEM7. Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Boundary

By July 15, 2003, the Governor is required to recommend nonattainment area boundaries for the eight-hour ozone standard to the Environmental Protection Agency. On June 25, 2003, the MAG Regional Council had recommended the MAG eight-hour ozone boundary option to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for transmittal to the Governor as the recommended nonattainment area boundary for the eight-hour ozone standard in the Maricopa County area. MAG would continue to work with the ADEQ in developing the necessary supporting information for the eight-hour boundary option for submittal to the Governor and Environmental Protection Agency. Consequently, additional supporting documentation was included in the analysis report and transmitted to ADEQ. On July 7, 2003, the ADEQ developed two new options. The Governor is currently considering these options and the MAG boundary option. An update will be presented. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS8. Homeland Security Grant Update

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness is providing financial assistance to selected urban areas through the FY2003 Urban Areas Security

8. Information and discussion.

Initiative Grant Program II. In Arizona, this grant's funding allocation is approximately \$11,033,467. MAG was approached by Arizona's Office of Homeland Security to act as a point of contact for the urban area, along with the City of Phoenix as the point of contact for the core city and Maricopa County as the point of contact for the core county. An Urban Area Working Group has been formed, and will be responsible for the development and implementation of the grant program. This group will be working under tight time frames, with deadlines in September, October and November. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Public Involvement Update

During the past several months, the MAG Public Involvement Team has conducted numerous public meetings and events to collect citizen input on the Regional Transportation Plan. A summary of the input received during these opportunities, including the results of five public workshops held in various areas of the region, will be presented. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

9. Information.

10. Information.